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## Green Says Authors of Anti-Labor Bills Show 'Defeatist and Negative' Attitude

### Tells House Committee Measures Aim Chiefly At Collective Dealing

Washington, D. C.—AFL President William Green charged before the House La-

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Emphatically denying that labor leaders have shown any reluctance to cooperate with lawmakers in the discussions or

reparation of legislation affecting workers, Mr. Green declared:

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shop, secondary boycotts, the union dues check-off plan, impose cooling-off periods, require registration and financial ac-

H.R. 725, a so-called "right to work" bill, would outlaw jurisdictional disputes, emasculate the Wagner Act and to require compulsory arbitration were vigorously condemned by Mr. Green.

the right work and livelihood. "The very basis on which such legislation has been presented to the country," and declared that such measures "are claimed to be a remedy against strikes—there are not."

Such legislation, he told the committee, is directed, not against strikes, but against the process of collective bargaining.

swept the country since V-J Day," he demanded. "Does it reach the issues that were behind the disputes through which we have gone? The answer is categorically—No."

Reviewing the major bills one by

se, Mr. Green opened his discussion with an examination of the Smith and Miller measures to outlaw the union shop, even in cases where 100 percent of the workers involved had selected a union and desired to work under

Sponsors of such legislation, the AFL chiefs declared, "portray a profound ignorance of economics and economic philosophy and a deep misunderstanding of the purposes and

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determination to punish labor, no matter what the effect on labor's and the entire public's welfare will be, can explain this objective. It simply ignores and confounds the most elemental realities of the free enter-

The proposal to forbid further use of the union dues check-off system, Mr. Green asserted, appeared to him of doubtful wisdom "since there has been no serious criticism of this sys-

...would risk the automatic termination of so many collective agreements which assure stability in industrial relations and continued production of necessary commodities."

Mr. Green declared that organized labor "takes strenuous exception" to proposals to force a "cooling-off period" during periods of labor disputes while government agencies are mediating such differences. He explained in detail such labor versus capital

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upon the employers' willingness to enter into collective bargaining and show good faith in making counter proposals to those submitted by union leaders.

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## City, State Officials Accused of Forcing Strikes of Teachers

Educational Boards and Legislatures Charged With Compelling Teachers To Force Show-down on Wages Now

Chicago, Ill.—Charges that the strike of Buffalo school teachers was forced by the attitude of the Buffalo School Board and the New York State Legislature were contained in the statement issued by Irvin R. Kuenzi, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Teachers.

Mr. Kuenzi said the situation in Buffalo was a typical example of the attitude of many educational boards and legislatures in every part of the Nation, despite the fact that the American Federation of Teachers is the largest national teachers' organization in the United States and is the only one to be recognized by the National Education Association.

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## Wholesale Food Costs at Postwar Peak Due to Weather and Other Factors

Washington, D. C.—Union negotiators, wage increases, the month have found some support for their requests in the official report of the Labor Department's report that wholesale food prices have risen two per cent from January to February.

Although retail food prices do not show as much increase as wholesale prices, the report said that the increase in wholesale prices was caused by a number of factors, including the weather, the price of food, and the price of food.

## Buying Resistance Grows As Prices Of Clothing Climb

Washington—Further increase in prices of men's clothing will only intensify the buying resistance in the retail market.

The situation in the clothing industry is becoming more and more critical, with the price of men's clothing rising sharply in the last few months.

## Dubinsky Raps Anti-Labor Measures As 'Body Blows to Nation's Democracy'

Washington, D. C.—Legislative proposals to curtail labor's freedom of movement and to restrict labor's right to strike were denounced by William Dubinsky, President of the American Federation of Labor, as "body blows to the Nation's democracy."

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## Rail Leaders Tell Truman Advisors Wage and Living Costs Must Balance

Washington, D. C.—Rail leaders are warning that if the Government's proposed wage and living cost controls are not balanced, the rail industry will be forced to raise prices.

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## Green Regrets Declination of CIO To Confer on AFL Merger Now

Truman Advisors Strongly Support Annual Wage Plan

Board Tells President Collective Bargaining Is Best Path to Security

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## Welfare and Health Growing In Labor Parleys

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